

FLOUR and FLOWERS OF SULPHUR

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put on by such food as I have suggested. They will not need grain so soon, or so much of it, particularly if they are supplied with plenty of early cut clover or mixed hay, supplemented by roots or silage.

General Care.—They are thankful too, if kept dry. The cold fall rains saturate their wool, and it must largely dry from the heat of their bodies, requiring more food to supply the waste, and is also a great drain on their vitality. This often produces pneumonia and death, too often attributed to grub in the head, heart failure and the like. It is an easy matter to put them under shelter, and will well repay the little effort and thought required. It is poor economy to let them live on the frozen grass—if the ground is free from snow—after winter has set in, and the other thinly clad stock are safely housed. True, such grass will fill them, but there is a great difference between filling and feeding. It will also contribute much to their comfort, as well as to the pocket of the owner, if the dirty wool is clipped away from about the tail. If the hoofs have grown long on the ends or sides, this growth should be pared off with a good sharp knife. Then plenty of pure water where the sheep can have access to it all times, a box of salt sprinkled with turpentine to which they can run, clean, dry bedding to lie on, with all food removed that has not been eaten the previous meal, and the owner can sit down under his own "vine" and figure up the profits with safety.

A Story of an Express Package.

The editor of the Rural New Yorker has had trouble with the Adams Express Company. He publishes some correspondence which he had with them, but first called attention to it by an item on the editorial page as follows:

We invite a study of the correspondence with the Adams Express Company printed on the next page. Since the case started we have heard of a number where just the same tactics are followed. The evident design is to bluff or disgust people until they grow tired of trying to collect what is due them. It took this company 159 days to find where that package, plainly marked, went to. It wouldn't take that many seconds for them to figure their high rates of transportation. Imagine what would have happened if we had taken the package away without paying the express charges! Well, it is a good thing to know that there is blood in a turnip if you know how to squeeze the drops out and will stick to the squeezer.

The correspondence article is as follows:

Did you ever try to get an express company to settle for a lost package? If so, you will appreciate the following history. On June 1 we ordered by telegraph 2,000 pepper plants from Matawan, N. J. They were promptly packed and shipped by the Adams Express, but though days came and went, they have not been heard from since. We were unable to obtain other plants at that time, and the failure to deliver the package caused annoy-

ance and loss. After a week's delay we wrote the Adams Express Company and received a letter from Philadelphia stating that the matter "would be investigated." After three more letters of this sort we received the following on August 24, 55 days after the package was sent:

This matter is in the hands of our New York office, who have shown good order transfer to the National Express Co. I am asking our Mr. W. A. Cochran, Chief Clerk, New York, this date, for a reply.

J. A. MURPHY,
 Superintendent.

This looked like progress, and we wrote Mr. Cochran, who promptly replied as follows:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 25th inst., relative to shipment of pepper plants made June 1, 1905, from Matawan, N. J. We have to advise that the shipment was transferred to connecting company, and the matter now presents some complications that will take us several days to work out. We have the matter, however, grinding, and can assure you that the result will be ascertained shortly and we will be pleased to advise you when the matter is cleared up. If you will kindly have a little patience we will let you hear from us, as the matter has not been lost sight of.

W. A. COCHRAN,
 Chief Clerk.

That was well enough as far as it went, but it didn't go very far, or rather it went too far, for 39 days passed without any further information. Not being quite sure what Mr. Cochran meant by "shortly" we wrote him again on October 4 as follows:

I last heard from you on August 26, regarding a shipment of pepper plants, which was made June 1, from Matawan, N. J. I have written seven letters, I think, about this shipment, and in every case I have been notified that the matter would be "promptly investigated." It is now 37 days since you informed me that a "few complications had arisen that would take you several days to work out." You state in this letter that the matter is grinding (which I assure you is a fact), and that you will be pleased to advise me when it is cleared up. You also suggest that if I will have a little patience I shall hear from you in due time. Now, I probably have more patience than anything else in the world, but the Adams Express Co. has my pepper plants, and I would like to exchange some of my patience for the price of those peppers. I am tired of waiting for the grinding of your machine. I do not understand what you mean by constantly telling me that the matter is being "investigated." If I wait for you to communicate the result of this grinding I shall be white-haired before the grist is finished. I enclose my bill for \$10, to pay for the peppers, and I should be very much pleased to have the Adams Express Co. settle the bill at once. They may then continue the investigations.

This seemed to hit something, for I was informed that "our representative will call at once." Sure enough, he came, but he knew no more about my pepper plants than I did. I did my best to give him the views of a dissatisfied client, and told him I would wait ten days for further "in-

vestigation." I waited 18 days and then wrote the following:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that it is now 18 days since you wrote me last. Your representative called and stated that you were in communication with another express company, and that within a few days the matter of the loss of my package would be explained. I told him I would wait 10 days and then take further steps to "investigate the matter." It seems to me that there is absolutely no sense whatever in this long delay about settling for the package. It is now exactly 145 days since that package went astray. I have been informed six different times that the Adams Express Co. was "looking the matter up." Now is the Adams Express Co. blind, or is it true as I have been told, that your policy is to do nothing, and in this way tire out and disgust those who try to recover their property? My experience with your company leads me to believe that the latter explanation is most probable. Under ordinary circumstances I should have given up in disgust after your second letter, and it would appear as though that is what you expect those who complain to do. I am not going to do this, however, as I have made up my mind that the Adams Express Co. is either to pay for that package or keep hearing about it as long as I live. The value of the package amounts to little, but this infernal principle of dodging a fair investigation, of attempting to tire out those who have a just complaint, and waving people aside with "we are looking it up" has gone too far. I enclose another bill for \$10, for those pepper plants. I intend to stay by the Adams Express Company in one way or another until this bill is paid, as it seems to me that the time has gone by for any gentle or decent method to collect a fair debt.

We now appear to be getting down to business, and by return mail I received the following:

I have your letter of the 24th inst., with further reference to shipment forwarded to you from Matawan, N. J., June 1st last, and in reply wish to assure you that this company is not responsible for the delay in disposing of the matter. As agreed in the receipt accepted by you, our liability ceases when transfer is made to a connecting company, which in this instance is the National Express Co., consequently we must wait the result of their investigation. We understand from their correspondent, Mr. C. S. Potter, that the matter is receiving due consideration, and as soon as a conclusion is reached, they will communicate with us regarding the adjustment of this claim, when we will at once advise you. In the meantime, requesting your further indulgence, I remain,
 W. A. COCHRAN,
 Chief Clerk.

That was just about what I had been told would happen; each company would put the error on the other, and both dodge payment. That game is as old as the hills, but I purposed to stay by the Adams Express Company, so I sent the following on October 26:

I have just received your letter of October 25th in reply to mine of recent date. As I wrote you previously, it is now 148 days since that package was
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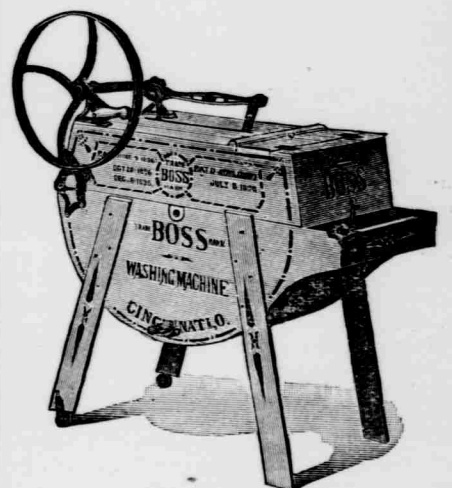
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